

**San José State University College Portrait**

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San José State University is a major, comprehensive public university located in the center of San Jose and in the heart of Silicon Valley. SJSU is the oldest state university in California. Its distinctive character has been forged by its long history, by its location, and by its vision - a blend of the old and the new, of the traditional and the innovative. Among its most prized traditions is an uncompromising commitment to offer access to higher education to all persons who meet the criteria for admission, yielding a stimulating mix of age groups, cultures, and economic backgrounds for teaching, learning, and research. SJSU takes pride in and is firmly committed to teaching and learning, with a faculty that is active in scholarship, research, technological innovation, community service, and the arts.

**The San José State Community**

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, the world's high-tech capital, San José State University is an exceptional place to pursue undergraduate or graduate study. From its beautiful, tree-lined campus in downtown San José, the university sends more business, engineering, education and computer science graduates into Silicon Valley than any other school. Serving a student body of more than 34,000, San José State offers degrees in more than 134 programs and concentrations. Students benefit from the excitement of studying at a large, urban university—a true crossroads of cultures—in the nation's 10th largest city. Yet they enjoy the personal attention of faculty within the smaller setting of the university's seven colleges. Founded in 1857, SJSU is the oldest public institution of higher education on the West Coast. Today the university is recognized for its award-winning faculty, high-achieving students, cutting-edge programs and innovative collaborations with the community and the corporate world.

**Carnegie Classification of Institutional Characteristics****Basic Type**

Master's Colleges and Universities (larger programs)

**Size and Setting**

Medium four-year, primarily nonresidential

**Enrollment Profile**

High undergraduate

**Undergraduate Profile**

Medium full-time four-year, selective, higher transfer-in

**Undergraduate Instructional Program**

Balanced arts & sciences/professions, high graduate coexistence

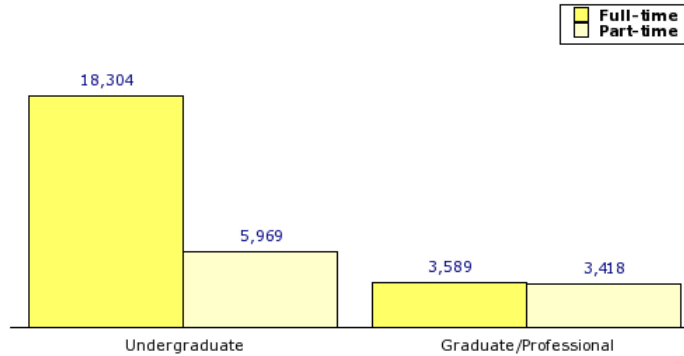
**Graduate Instructional Program**

Postbaccalaureate comprehensive

**NOTE: Institutional classifications based on the Carnegie 2005 edition.**

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**Student Characteristics (Fall 2009)****Student Level and Enrollment Status**

<b>Total Students</b>	31,280
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**Undergraduate Profile**

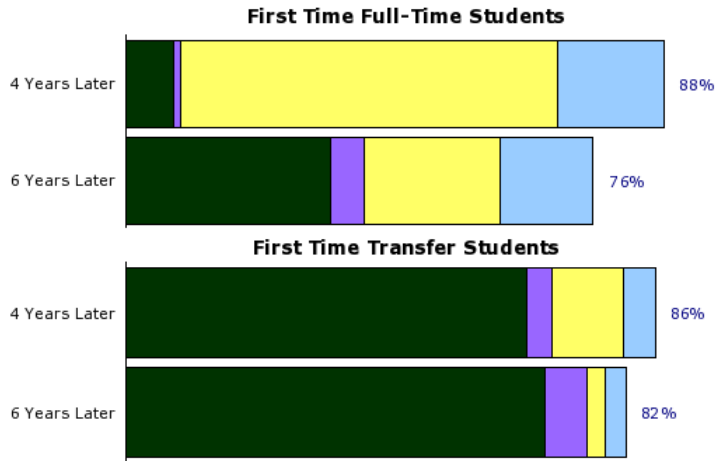
<b>Total Undergraduate Students</b>	24,273	<b>Geographic Distribution (Degree-Seeking)</b>	
<b>Gender</b>		<b>California</b>	96%
<b>Women</b>	12,612 52%	<b>Other US States &amp; Territories</b>	1%
<b>Men</b>	11,661 48%	<b>Other Countries</b>	3%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		<b>Residency Unknown</b>	<1%
<b>African American / Black</b>	1,149 5%	<b>Age (Degree-Seeking)</b>	
<b>American Indian / Alaskan Native</b>	98 <1%	<b>Average Age</b>	23
<b>Asian / Pacific Islander</b>	8,205 34%	<b>Percent of Undergraduates Age 25 or Older</b>	24%
<b>Hispanic</b>	4,664 19%		
<b>White</b>	6,598 27%		
<b>International</b>	1,011 4%		
<b>Race/Ethnicity Not Reported</b>	2,548 10%		

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**Undergraduate Success and Progress Rate**



A 88% four-year success and progress rate means that 88% of students starting in Fall 2003 either graduated or are still enrolled at a higher education institution four years later.  
 Counts for the Fall 2003 entering class shown in the graph above.

1,820 First-Time, Full-Time Students  
 1,215 Full-Time Transfer Students

**Retention of Fall 2008 First-Time, Full-time Students**

First-time students in Fall 2008 that returned for their second year: 81%

**San José State University****First-Time, Full-Time Students**

Description	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
% Graduated from San José State University with 4-year degree	0%	0%	0.2%	7.8%	23.6%	33.4%
% Graduated from other institution with 4-year degree	0%	0%	0%	0.7%	2.9%	4.8%
% Graduated with 2-year degree	0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%
<b>Total % Graduated</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>39%</b>
% Enrolled at San José State University	98.6%	82.2%	74.1%	61.6%	41.8%	22.1%
% Enrolled at other 4-year institutions	0.2%	1.7%	3.8%	5.8%	4.6%	4.1%
% Enrolled at other 2-year institutions	0.1%	10.6%	12.6%	11.7%	11.1%	11.2%
<b>Total % Enrolled</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>79.1%</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
<b>Student Success &amp; Progress</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>	<b>84.8%</b>	<b>76.4%</b>

**First-Time, Full-Time Transfer Students**

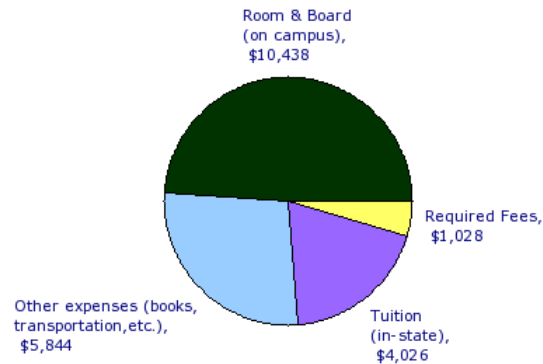
Description	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
% Graduated from San José State University with 4-year degree	0.8%	18.1%	51.8%	65.5%	67.4%	68.6%
% Graduated from other institution with 4-year degree	0.1%	0.3%	1.6%	3.1%	4.6%	5.1%
% Graduated with 2-year degree	3.7%	0.8%	0.5%	1.1%	1.2%	1.6%
<b>Total % Graduated</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>53.9%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>75.3%</b>
% Enrolled at San José State University	94.2%	67.4%	29.5%	11.6%	8%	3%
% Enrolled at other 4-year institutions	0.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	1.5%	1.2%
% Enrolled at other 2-year institutions	0.3%	3.3%	2.9%	2%	1.8%	2.2%
<b>Total % Enrolled</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>35.7%</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>Student Success &amp; Progress</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>86.5%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>81.7%</b>

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**Costs of Attendance and Financial Aid**

Typical Undergraduate Costs for 2009-10 without Financial Aid (Full-Time, In-State Students)



**Total Typical Cost of Attendance: \$21,336**

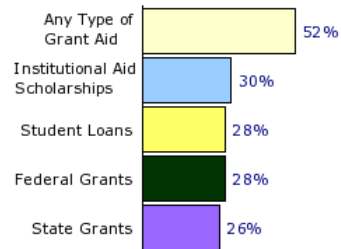
The cost to attend San José State University varies based on the individual circumstances of students and may be reduced through grants and scholarships.

**Financial Aid Awarded to Undergraduates****Annual Need-Based Scholarships & Grants**

• 78% of 2008-09 full-time undergraduates received need-based grants or scholarships; the average award for the year was \$6,193

**Annual Need-Based Loans**

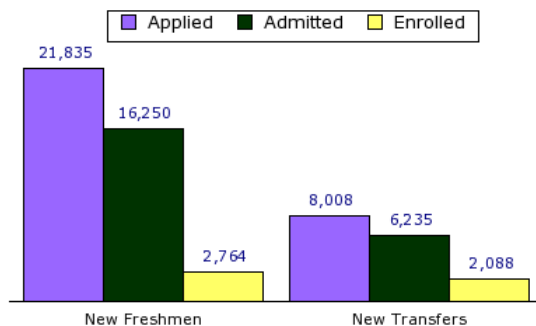
• 59% of 2008-09 full-time undergraduates received need-based work-study and/or loans (not including parent loans); the average loan for the year was \$6,090

**Percent of 2007-08 Full-time Beginning Students Receiving Each Type of Financial Aid**

**NOTE:** Students may receive aid from more than one source.

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**Undergraduate Admissions (Fall 2009)****Academic Preparation of New Freshmen**

Test(s) Required for Admission: SAT or ACT recommended

Middle 50% of Test Score Range	ACT	SAT
Composite	18 - 24	
Math	18 - 25	460 - 580
English	17 - 23	
Critical Reading		440 - 540

50% of admitted students have test scores within the ranges listed, 25% have scores above, and 25% have scores below.

High School Background	
Percent in top 25% of High School Graduating Class	6%
Percent in top 50% of High School Graduating Class	94%
Percent of New Freshmen who submitted HS Class Rank	97%
Average High School GPA (4-point scale)	3.21
Percent who submitted High School GPA	100%

**Study At SJSU**

Classroom Environment	
Students per Faculty	25 to 1
Undergraduate classes with fewer than 30 students	<1%
Undergraduate classes with fewer than 50 students	<1%
Full-Time Instructional Faculty	
Total Faculty	683
% Women	46%
% from Minority Groups	28%
% with Highest Degree in Field	<1%

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**Student Housing**

<1% of new freshmen live on campus  
 <1% of all undergraduates live on campus

**Campus Safety**

The safety and security of students, faculty and staff at San Jose State is the full-time responsibility of the University Police Department. A force of 32 sworn positions provides protection of the campus itself, ensures the orderly flow of traffic and enforces parking regulations. UPD officers patrol near campus, where many students live, and works with other police agencies on enforcement and investigation.

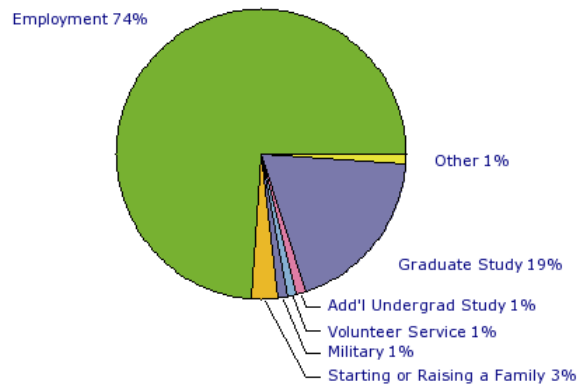
**Degrees and Areas of Study**

Degrees awarded at San José State University in 2008-09	
Bachelor's	4,730
Master's	2,768
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,498</b>

Areas of study with the largest number of bachelors degrees awarded in 2008-09	
Business Administration, Management and Operations	29%
Fine and Studio Art	5%
Psychology, General	5%
Nursing	4%
Criminal Justice and Corrections	4%

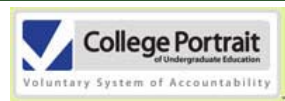
**Future Plans of Bachelor's Degree Recipients**

Survey Response Rate:



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**Student Experiences and Perceptions**

Institutions participating in the VSA program measure student involvement on campus using one of four national surveys. Results from the one survey are reported for a common set of questions selected as part of VSA. Following are the selected results from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). The questions have been grouped together in categories that are known to contribute to student learning and development. The results reported below are based on the responses of seniors who participated in the survey.

**Group Learning Experiences**

- 95% percent of seniors worked with classmates on assignments outside of class.
- 58% of seniors tutored or taught other students
- 17% of seniors spent at least 6 hours per week participating in co-curricular activities such as student organizations and intramural sports

**Active Learning Experiences**

- 84% of seniors spent at least 6 hours per week preparing for class
- 16% of seniors worked on a research project with a faculty member
- 47% of seniors participated in an internship, practicum, or field experience
- 52% of seniors participated in community service or volunteer work
- 7% of seniors participated in study abroad
- 98% of seniors made at least one class presentation last year

**Institutional Commitment to Student Learning and Success**

- 92% of seniors believe this institution provides support for student success
- 58% of seniors rated the quality of academic advising at this institution as good or excellent
- 61% of seniors reported that this institution provided help in coping with work, family and other non-academic responsibilities
- 94% of seniors reported working harder than they thought they could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations

**Student Interaction with Campus Faculty and Staff**

- 35% of seniors believed that the campus staff were helpful, considerate, or flexible
- 66% of seniors believed that faculty are available, helpful, or sympathetic
- 94% of seniors reported that faculty members provided prompt feedback on their academic performance
- 67% of seniors discussed readings or ideas with faculty members outside of class

**Experiences with Diverse Groups of People and Ideas**

- 60% of seniors reported that they often tried to understand someone else's point of view
- 86% of seniors reported their experience at this institution contributed to their understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds
- 65% of seniors often had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity

**Student Satisfaction**

- 77% of seniors would attend this institution if they started over again
- 79% of seniors rated their entire educational experience as good or excellent
- 76% of seniors reported that other students were friendly or supportive



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### Student Learning Assessment at San José State University

**All colleges and universities use multiple approaches to measure student learning. Many of these are specific to particular disciplines, many are coordinated with accrediting agencies, and many are based on outcomes after students have graduated.**

As part of San José State University's commitment to graduating well educated students, assessment of student learning is integrated into all components of the curriculum. The development of student learning outcomes for courses, degree programs, and general education is overseen by committees at the department, college, and university levels. Assessment of student learning is likewise a shared responsibility at each of these levels and is overseen by the Associate Vice Presidents for Undergraduate Studies and for Graduate Studies and Research with the support of the Director of Assessment and assessment coordinators for each of the seven colleges.

### Pilot Project to Measure Core Learning Outcomes

**Colleges and universities participating in the College Portrait measure the typical improvement in students' abilities to think, reason, and write using one of three tests. This is part of a pilot project to better understand and compare what students learn between their freshman and senior years at different colleges and universities.**

#### Results from the Collegiate Learning Assessment

The Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) measures critical thinking, analytic reasoning, problem solving, and written communication using a performance task and an analytic writing task. The scores from the tasks are reported separately below.

##### Performance Task Results for First-time, Full-time Students

**The increase in learning on the performance task is what would be expected at an institution with students of similar academic abilities.**

Freshman Score: 1030  
 Senior Score: 1097  
 CLA score range: 400 to no maximum score.

##### Average SAT scores for tested students

Freshman Score: 1017  
 Senior Score: 968

##### Analytic Writing Task Results for First-time, Full-time Students

**The increase in learning on the analytic writing task is what would be expected at an institution with students of similar academic abilities.**

Freshman Score: 1095  
 Senior Score: 1190  
 CLA score range: 400 to no maximum score.

##### Average SAT scores for tested students

Freshman Score: 1030  
 Senior Score: 977

**Public Good**

		<b>Degrees Granted 2008-09</b>			
<b>Total Degree Awards</b>	San Jose State	% of CSU	CSU	% of State	
<b>Bachelor's</b>	4,730	6%	74,643	46%	
<b>Master's</b>	2,768	15%	18,926	30%	
<b>Doctoral</b>		0%	85	1%	
<b>Total</b>	7,498	8%	93,654	40%	
		<b>Bachelor's Degree Awards</b>			
<b>by Racial and Ethnic Background</b>	San Jose State	% of CSU	CSU	% of State	
<b>African American/Black</b>	192	5%	3,708	48%	
<b>American Indian/Alaskan Native</b>	27	4%	629	53%	
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	1,606	12%	12,972	38%	
<b>Latino</b>	769	5%	15,389	54%	
<b>White, Non-Latino</b>	1,360	5%	29,891	46%	
<b>International</b>	182	7%	2,521	44%	
<b>Other Ethnicity/Unknown</b>	594	6%	9,533	52%	
<b>Total</b>	4,730	6%	74,643	46%	
		<b>In High Demand Fields</b>			
<b>Tourism and Hospitality Management</b>	San Jose State	% of CSU	CSU	% of State	
	66	14%	465	94%	
<b>Information Technology</b>	145	12%	1,212	28%	
<b>Engineering</b>	402	10%	3,879	45%	
<b>Business and Professional Services</b>	1,426	9%	16,533	54%	
<b>Nursing</b>	209	9%	2,326	56%	
<b>Criminal Justice</b>	194	8%	2,546	72%	

Source: CSU Chancellor's Office, National Center for Educational Statistics(NCES)

<b>Economic Diversity: Access &amp; Completion</b>	
<b>Undergraduate Pell Grant Recipients (2007-08)</b>	
<b>San Jose State Undergraduates</b>	23,808
<b>San Jose State Undergraduate Pell Grant Recipients</b>	6,319
<b>San Jose State Pell Percentage of Undergraduates</b>	27%
<b>System Pell Percentage of Undergraduates</b>	34%
<b>National Pell Percentage of Undergraduates</b>	30%
<b>Bachelor's Degree Pell Grant Recipients (2008-09)</b>	
<b>San Jose State Bachelor's Degree</b>	4,730
<b>San Jose State Pell Grant Bachelor's Degree Recipients</b>	1,525
<b>San Jose State Pell Percentage of Bachelor's Degrees</b>	32%
<b>System Pell Percentage of Bachelor's Degrees</b>	37%

Source: CSU Chancellor's Office, National Center for Educational Statistics(NCES)

<b>Sticker and "Net" Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	
<b>Average tuition and fee "sticker" charged to private four-year full-time undergraduates in AY 2008-09</b>	\$22,449
<b>Average tuition and fee "sticker" charged to public 4-year full-time instate undergraduates in AY 2008-09</b>	\$6,319
<b>San Jose State average tuition and fee "sticker" charged to all full-time undergraduates in AY 2008-09</b>	\$3,992
<b>San Jose State average tuition and fee "net" paid by full-time undergraduates in AY 2008-09</b>	\$2,666
<b>San Jose State "Net" percent of "Sticker" Tuition &amp; Fees for full-time undergraduates in AY 2008-09</b>	67%

Sources: CSU Chancellor's Office, National Center for Educational Statistics(NCES), [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d09/tables/dt09\\_335.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d09/tables/dt09_335.asp)

<b>Loan Debt of Baccalaureate Recipients</b>	
<b>Percent of 2007-08 Baccalaureate Recipients who Started as Freshmen and Assumed Loans</b>	
<b>San Jose State Percentage</b>	34%
<b>State Percentage</b>	48%
<b>National Percentage</b>	62%
<b>Average Loan Debt of 2007-08 Baccalaureate Recipients who Started as Freshmen and Assumed Loans</b>	
<b>San Jose State Average</b>	\$12,034
<b>State Average</b>	\$17,795
<b>National Average</b>	\$23,200

Sources: CSU Chancellor's Office, "The Project on Student Debt" The Institute for College Access &amp; Success(TICAS)projectonstudentdebt.org, National Center for Educational Statistics(NCES)

<b>Salaries of Baccalaureate Recipients -- Payscale (2010)</b>	
<b>National average starting median salary of graduates from the top 175 public universities</b>	\$45,794
<b>San Jose State graduates' median starting salary</b>	\$51,700
<b>National average mid-career median salary of graduates from the top 175 public universities</b>	\$81,551
<b>San Jose State graduates' mid-career median salary</b>	\$92,900

Source: "Top State Universities by Salary Potential", PayScale Inc. <http://www.payscale.com/best-colleges/top-state-universities.asp>